

REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 1-91 are pending in this application. Claims 7, 9-11, 13-16, 18-19, 22-24, 26, 30, 33, 37, 39-41, 47-49, 53-61, 67, 69-70, 73-74, 76-78, 80 and 84-91 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies. Upon entry of these amendments, claims 1-91 are under active consideration. Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and remarks made herein into the file history of the present application.

II. Conclusion

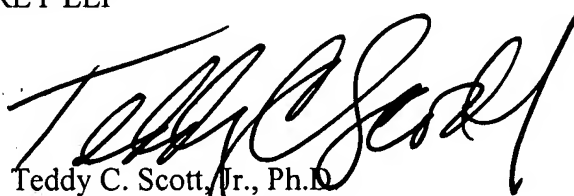
Applicant respectfully submits that the instant application is in good and proper order for allowance and early notification to this effect is solicited. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the instant application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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